

## DAY IN DAVENPORT

**Boy Has Mania for Instruments.**—A mysterious sequence of music store robberies, which have been baffling the Davenport police department for upwards of a week, were cleared up by the capture of 19-year-old Burt Cranz by Detectives Kluney and Brady. The boy, who is a kleptomaniac, was run down north of Davenport, where he is said to have been in hiding for some time past. A cornet and a bugle were found in his possession, according to the police. Another instrument was recovered at Lissman's second-hand store, where it had been pawned for 25 cents. Cranz was released after he had pleaded for another chance. Shortly before Christmas various instruments began to mysteriously disappear from the Hoyt and Smallfield music houses. The police were notified, but were unable to obtain a single clue. Detectives Kluney and Brady were put on the case, and finally discovered the cornet in the Davenport second hand store. A description of the youthful salesman was obtained, and the rest was easy. Cranz also confessed to robbing the Bowly music store in Rock Island, according to the police. He told the police he didn't need the money, but just took the stuff.

**County Auditor's Work.**—When the books were closed in the office of the county auditor for the past 12 months, the record showed that the heaviest volume of business ever handled in that department of the county government during any one year was taken care of during 1913 by Auditor Collins and his highly efficient office force. The year 1913 marked a new era in the matter of handling the road and bridge work of the county. Under the new dispensation the county auditor is directly responsible for all warrants issued upon those funds that are not in strict conformity with law. Under this rigid responsibility, road and bridge bills passing through the auditor's office are viewed, not through a glass darkly, but with the full force of a powerful telescope, as the auditor (while a strong advocate of good roads and good bridges) is not so keen in that regard as to pay for these blessings out of his own pocket. As a result of this new law, the work of handling road and bridge claims in the auditor's office has been more than doubled, and 1914 promises to be a record breaker in road and bridge building in Scott county, which will likewise mean a record breaker for this class of work in the auditor's office. The heaviest work of the year, of course, was in handling the assessment and tax work of the county. It is the duty of the county auditor to make all arrangements for the assessment, to furnish the assessors with necessary supplies, books and rolls and to receive and check up the assessments as returned by the assessors from the 29 taxing districts of Scott county, including the city of Davenport. It is likewise the duty of the auditor's office to write up and extend the tax lists, turning the same over to the county treasurer on the last day of the year.

**Jail Houses 14 Over New Year's.**—On the first morning of 1914 the lineup of human derelicts who spent the night in the bum cell numbered 14. The men, some of whom were dressed for South Sea island climate, had welcomed the new year from behind the iron bars of a jail cell. Many of them had walked into the station voluntarily and asked for a place to sleep. Others were arrested on suspicion and held over night.

**Fire Station Celebration.**—The advent of the new year was observed at the Central fire station with appropriate ceremonies. At exactly 12 o'clock all auto engines were started with the muffled cutouts and the budding year was greeted with the screech of the siren and the clanging of fire bells. The ceremonials were rudely interrupted at 12:02 by a call to Sixth and Myrtle streets, where a shed had caught fire. The blaze was easily extinguished and the celebration continued on the return to the station house.

**Auto Knocks Wheel Off Brewery Wagon.**—In a collision between an automobile and a Davenport Malting company wagon near Second and Taylor streets, the brewery wagon lost a wheel. The automobile was driven by Paul Gerendts, 718 East Seventh street, according to a police report. No one was hurt in the accident and

the damage done was amicably settled by the owners of the vehicles.

**Obituary Record.**—Mrs. Lena Frick, 75 years old, one of the pioneers of Scott county, died Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Dittmer, two miles west of Walcott, after a brief illness. Decedent was born Feb. 7, 1837, in Probstel, Germany, where she lived for a number of years. In the year 1856 she came to the United States, directly to Davenport. She was married Jan. 31, 1859, to Johan Frick, who preceded her in death Dec. 15, 1905. The couple settled on a farm near Walcott, where Mrs. Frick lived until a year ago, when she made her home with her daughter. Surviving to mourn her demise are four sons, John, Charles, George and Herman Frick, and two daughters, Mrs. Alvina Petersen and Mrs. Anna Dittmer. Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the home of the daughter, with interment in the Walcott cemetery.

Word has been received here by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nordbloom, 321 Scott street, telling of the death of Mr. Nordbloom's father, August Nordbloom, in New York City. Death resulted after a brief illness of but a month's duration. Mr. and Mrs. Nordbloom left immediately for the east and will attend the funeral.

### HEIRESS AT BALL DRESSED AS QUEEN



Miss Margaret Draper dressed as Marie d'Angou.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Miss Margaret Draper, daughter of Mrs. William F. Draper, appeared at her mother's annual fancy dress ball, a few days ago in Washington, dressed as Marie d'Angou, the queen of Charles VII. of France. Miss Draper helped her mother receive the 300 guests that attended the ball, which is considered to be the most elaborate social affair held in Washington each winter.

Mrs. Draper is the widow of General Draper, a former American ambassador to Italy. The Drapers are among the most wealthy and exclusive people in the national capital.

Miss Draper, with Count Gunther von Bernstorff, son of the German ambassador, led the march which opened the ball.

### REALTY CHANGES

W. J. Sheppard and wife to John Snider, section 6-17-2E., \$470.  
Moline Trust & Savings Bank to Herman A. Peterson, north 20 feet of south 140 feet, O. L. 3, Highland addition, Moline, \$100.  
Charles E. White and wife to Eugene J. Duffy, lot 6, block 1, Forrest Hill, Moline, \$1,000.  
Edward G. Roberts and wife to J.

W. Simonson, at 2, block 10, Port Byron, \$6,000.  
Paul Gumber et al. to James Fox and wife, lot 12, block 183, East Moline, \$2,500.

Owen J. Brien and wife to Herman Pantel and wife, lot 13 and 14, O. J. Brien addition, Rock Island, \$1,400.  
William Dickson and wife to Albert Flugel, part lot 6 in section 24-17-2W., \$150.

Edward H. Guyer and wife and Charles E. White to William Reid, lot 15, block 223, New Shops Center addition, East Moline, \$450.  
Edward H. Guyer and wife and Charles E. White and wife to Michael Klotz, lot 17, block 190, East Moline, \$365.

Daniel J. Cromley et al. by heirs to Robin Gooden and wife, lot 11 and 12, part lot 10, block 2, B. Davenport's fourth addition, Rock Island, \$3,100.

### VERY LITTLE HAND LABOR

At Least 90 Per Cent. of Factory Work of the World is Now Done by Machinery.

Year by year more and more of the work of the world is taken up by machinery. In a bulletin recently issued by the government it is estimated that 4,000,000 factory workers in the United States turn out a product equal to the hand labor of 45,000,000 men.

This means that in the factories 90 per cent. of the work is done by machinery. A very large part of this machinery is driven by steam power, which means largely coal power, and both the getting and burning of this coal involves a terrible waste. In the United States alone the production of coal now reaches nearly 500,000,000 tons, and in the whole world far above 1,000,000,000 tons. And it is estimated that this means the actual mining of half again as much coal. One-third is lost or left in the mines in such shape that it cannot be used.

Then of this not production—the two-thirds remaining—perhaps 90 per cent. is lost in the burning. At least this is true of the coal used in engines. Even the finest quadruple-expansion engines, with all modern devices of superheated steam and the like to augment their capacity, do not utilize more than 14 per cent. of the energy stored in the coal, while the average steam engine of commercial use does not get more than six or seven per cent. In other words, it is only about three per cent. of the chained-up sunlight in the ground that eventually becomes available for human needs.

And, further than this, the mere hauling and handling and storage and distribution of this coal costs the United States alone probably a full \$1,000,000,000. The coal traffic is, indeed, the chief item of railway transportation. From all this it is sufficiently clear why the problem of utilizing coal energy has so deeply engaged the minds of inventors and engineers, and why ever a relatively small gain would mean so much to the human race.—Collier's Weekly.

**Hamlet.**  
At the first performance of Hamlet upon any stage the applause was very slight, and with it had been mingled a few hisses. There was no call for the author from applauders or hisses, and Burbage was in a terrible fury.

Hunting up the crestfallen author of the play, he roared:

"Shakespeare, this Hamlet of yours is rotten! There isn't an epigram from one end to the other, and no society play can hope to succeed without 'em. Queen Elizabeth is asleep in her box, and Sir Walter Raleigh has just kicked a bound into the street to relieve his feelings! You've got to insert a couple of dozen of glittering epigrams into it by tomorrow's rehearsal or I'll turn it into a musical comedy by introducing a ballet and making the grave diggers Yiddish comedians!"

Next morning the trembling author handed in a sheaf of Pinneresque sentences that embraced the following:

"Brevity is the soul of wit."

"Conscience doth make cowards of us all."

"Frailty, thy name is woman."

"Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis 'tis true."

Evidently they added the touch that players wanted, for Hamlet is running still.—Pittsburgh Magazine.

**Stopped His Talking.**

Li Hung Chang tells us in his reminiscences that when he visited Russia he was much impressed by the precautions that were taken against the assassination of members of the imperial family. He says, "I do not think I would like to exchange positions with the czar, even to have the fine carina as wife and my choice of the rarest tea." The fine old Chinaman had at least the gallantry to put the wife before the tea, but one would like to know his actual estimate of the relative values. But Li Hung Chang himself was not wholly a stranger to the assassin. He continues: "Once in Tientsin a low fellow came into my courtyard and told the banner captain that he intended taking my life. He had a long piece of wire, and said he was going to hang me to my own gateposts. I had to have his head cut off before he would stop talking." Happy China, where it is possible to cut off a man's head in order to stop him from talking. And yet we say that the Chinese are lacking in civilization.

**Women Secretaries.**  
That women cannot keep secrets is a fallacy and one striking proof is in the fact that Lloyd-George employs two women secretaries, one of whom has a staff of typists under her.

Premier Asquith also employs a woman secretary in addition to the men on his staff. Percy Illington, the government whip, has a woman secretary.

The government has not placed women on certain lists but everyone knows that those high in government would not employ women without good reason. For one thing, they can keep a secret.

## JUST A LITTLE SMILE



**False Hopes.**  
"Poor Bob had a dreadful disappointment last week."  
"What was it?"  
"His employer told him he was going to give him a raise, and when the poor fellow's hopes were raised to the highest pitch what do you think the employer did?"  
"What did he do?"  
"Invited Bob to take a ride with him in a captive balloon."

**Their Sorry Plight.**  
"This weather is certainly rough on some people."  
"The poor, I presume, you refer to?"  
"No, the almost rich."  
"I don't understand you."  
"The fellows who own fur overcoats. It's too warm to wear them, and it's too cold to go without them."

**An Unfortunate Child.**  
"They say that Mrs. Waddington's little boy is ambidextrous," said Mrs. Oldcastle.  
"Land sakes!" exclaimed Mrs. Gottalotte, "is that so? Ain't it too bad! They expected he was goin' to be alright after they got his tonsils cut out."

**An Objection.**  
"Did you sell any of your oil paintings to the lady?"  
"No; she's a temperance crank."  
"What has that to do with it?"  
"Won't buy any but water colors."

**Degeneration.**  
"The ancient Romans seem to have got a lot of fun out of gladiators fighting to the death."  
"And in these times they won't even let us kill an occasional umpire!"

MAYBE.



Miss Chance—Miss Antique says her engagement ring cost a hundred dollars.

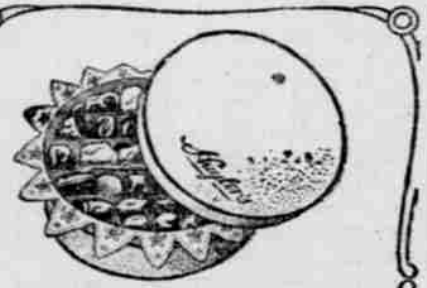
Miss Caustique—I guess he means that she spent that much entertaining the man before she got it.

**Backs to the Farm.**  
Make doctors, lawyers, merchants of all boys, if you're geeze; And in a few years taters will be fifty cents apiece.

**Making a Date.**  
Latin Teacher—Now, you may give me an example of the dative.  
High School Girl (with her mind elsewhere)—I will meet you at 3 o'clock.—Puck.

**Knew One Different, Probably.**

"I'm sure she isn't married."



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### HAMLET

**"Why?"**  
"She started to argue the question when Mrs. Bulwer said all men are alike."

**Model of Politeness.**  
"Mrs. X. is as polite as an echo."  
"As an echo! What do you mean by that?"  
"She never fails to return one's call."

**Sympathy and a Knock.**  
"I'm so sorry for Mrs. Green."  
"Why?"  
"She has so much trouble, poor thing, and it's all her own fault, too."

**Don't Mention It.**  
"Pardon me, sir," said she, "for walking on your feet."  
"Don't mention it, miss," he replied. "I walk on them myself at times."

**Where Engagements Take Place.**  
"The canons of a church are found in the pulpits," observed the Observer of Events and Things, "but most of the fighting is done in the choir."

**Hand Painted.**  
Redd—Mrs. Black claims her face is her fortune.  
Greene—Well, she's made it nearly all herself.

**Stockholders' Meeting.**  
Office of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company—Chicago, Ill., Nov. 25, 1913.

To all stockholders of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company:

A special meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at the office of the company in the city of Chicago, Ill., on Saturday, the 31st day of January, 1914, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of voting upon the acceptance by the company of a lease of the line of railway of the Rock Island, Stuttgart & Southern Railway company, extending from Mesa, Prairie county, Arkansas, in a southerly direction through the counties of Prairie and Arkansas to Stuttgart, Arkansas county, Arkansas, a distance of approximately 22 miles; said lease to extend for a term of 999 years from Feb. 1, 1914, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon.

H. U. MUDGE, President.  
Geo. H. Crosby, Secretary.—(Adv.)

All the news all the time—The Argus.

picture shower in honor of Miss Marjory Feige Wednesday at the former's home.

C. L. Boyles was unfortunate in having one of his best cows, which he was feeding to ship, die.

Miss Lucile Cabern of Seaton is visiting at the home of Elsie Lee.

Miss Nora Whisman will give a canned fruit shower in honor of Mrs. Harry Swartout Friday afternoon.

Will Wiggins delivered hogs in Aldo Tuesday.

Misses Inez and Ethel Bonnyne pleasantly entertained a party of friends at their home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper attended the McGuire-Wright wedding in Aldo Christmas day.

Miss Mary Marsh visited the first of the week with Miss Reta Petrie.

Walter Boyles of Montezuma, Iowa, has been visiting friends here since Monday.

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We try to express this thought with such words as—clogged Liver—Lazy Liver—Inactive Liver and the usual common expressions, but it does not state the fact. The fact is that the bile, nature's own antiseptic and disinfectant, is dammed-up so that it flows feebly or not at all.

The first evidence you have is a headache—a coated tongue—or dizziness—or all of these. You sometimes "wear" it off, that is, the dam breaks or is overcome by nature—but while you are wearing it off, you are depressed, grouchy, touchy, filled with fear.

You continually find fault with yourself, as well as others. You don't live because your Liver is dammed up with Bile. To release this Bile you may take molasses, laxatives. You waste time, money and energy in trying these apologies. None of them really reach the spot—

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